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SUBJECT: US VISIT BY MOD HANSEN (U)

REFS: (A) OSLO 4922; (B) STATE 286969; (C) OSLO 5453; (D) STATE
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1. (C) REFERENCES ADDRESSED AMEMBASSY PROPOSAL THAT SECDEF
EXTEND EARLY INVITATION FOR NORWEGIAN MOD HANSEN TO MAKE AN
OFFICIAL VISIT TO US. VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES APPARENTLY MAKE
SUCH AN INVITATION INFEASIBLE BEFORE MID-SUMMER. WE NOW
UNDERSTAND THAT MOD HANSEN PLANS HIS VISIT TO CANADA THE
FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1978, AND WOULD BE AMENABLE TO A VISIT
IN THE SAME TIME-FRAME. WE BELIEVE SUCH A COMBINED NORTH
AMERICA/WEST-NATO TOUR IS A VALID CONCEPT. ACCORDINGLY, WE
URGE THE EARLY CONCURRENCE OF SECDEF.

2. (C) ON THE OTHER HAND, WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THERE ARE
IMPORTANT MATTERS FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE DISCUSSION BETWEEN
MOD HANSEN AND SECDEF IN A BILATERAL SETTING. IN PARTICULAR
WE UNDERSTAND THAT MOD HANSEN WOULD LIKE OPPORTUNITY
TO PERSONALLY EXPLAIN THE NORWEGIAN POSITION CONCERNING
THE PARTICIPATION OF FRG FORCES IN CURRENT AND FUTURE
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EXERCISES IN NORWAY. (WHILE NO NEW INFORMATION IS
LIKELY TO COME FROM THIS DISCUSSION, IT MIGHT PROVIDE
ADDITIONAL INSIGHT TO THE NORWEGIAN RATIONALIZATION.)
ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION TOPICS MIGHT BE THE LONG-DELAYED
REPORT OF THE NORWEGIAN DEFENSE REVIEW COMMISSION AND
THE IMPACT OF CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS ON THE NORWEGIAN
DEFENSE BUDGET.

3. (C) MOD HANSEN PRESENTLY PLANS TO ATTEND BILDERBERG CONFERENCE AT PRINCETON 22-23 APRIL. FURTHER, HE IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO VISIT SACLAN HQ IN NORFOLK 24-25 APRIL. ACCORDINGLY, WE STRONGLY URGE THAT SECDEF BROWN INVITE MOD HANSEN TO WASHDC ON A DATE COMPATIBLE WITH THE FOREGOING FOR LIMITED DISCUSSION WITH APPROPRIATE DOD OFFICIALS AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, 30-60 MINUTES OF PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH SECDEF. ADDITIONALLY, WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE TIME FOR SECAF STETSON TO REITERATE HIS INVITATION TO MOD HANSEN FOR A VISIT/ DISCUSSIONS IN HIS OFFICE. IN TOTAL, WE WOULD ENVISAGE 1-1 1/2 DAYS IN WASHDC ON THE OCCASION.

4. (C) WE CONSIDER MOD HANSEN TO BE A VERY STABILIZING INFLUENCE IN THE INCUMBENT GON VIS-A-VIS ATTITUDE TOWARD SECURITY AFFAIRS. HIS WILL BE A QUIET BUT IMPORTANT VOICE IN STEERING THE REPORT OF THE DEFENSE REVIEW COMMISSION THROUGH ITS COURSE OF PUBLIC AND INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL DEBATE. IN RECENT MONTHS DEP MOD HOLST, DEP FONMIN STOLTENBERG AND LABOR PARTY CHAIRMAN STEEN ALL HAVE BENEFITED FROM LOCALLY PUBLICIZED VISITS TO WASHDC. WE BELIEVE THAT A SIMILAR (OR BETTER) OPPORTUNITY FOR MOD HANSEN IS PSYCHOLOGICALLY DESIREABLE FOR HIM AND HIS FURTHER IMAGE. IN ANY EVENT, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL TO US-NORWEGIAN DEFENSE RELATIONSHIPS. CONFIDENTIAL

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